

REMARKS:

The Office action mailed January 7, 2005 making a restriction requirement has been received and considered.

An election of the first group of claims, including Claims 1 to 13, 22 and 23 is made with traverse.

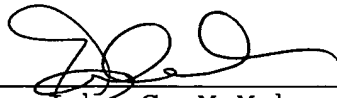
In particular, the claims of both groups are closely related and directed to the same field; that is, meat tenderizers with blades and both groups of claims would appear to require searching in the same fields. For example, Claims 1 and 14 both are directed to a device having a cartridge or housing with at least one blade for piercing and cutting. Further, overlap and synergism between the claims is found throughout. Consequently, it is urged that the claims should be considered as a group, rather than as independent.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone, if prosecution can be expedited thereby.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone, if prosecution of this application can be expedited thereby.

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